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| APPLICANTS | : | Jacob RICHTER et al. |
| SERIAL NO. | : | 10/066,755 |
| FILED | : | February 6, 2002 |
| FOR | : | METHOD OF MARKING A BIFURCATED STENT WITH IMPROVED SIDE BRANCH APERTURE |
| GROUP | : | 3738 **Confirmation No.: 6124** |
| EXAMINER | : | Suzette Jamie Jackson |

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**ATTENTION:** **Petitions Examiner Office of the Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Patents**

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)

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## PETITION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), the Applicants petition for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 USC § 120, 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

The Applicants petition is directed to the benefit of a number of cases in a chain of priority. In addition to the claim, made in the application as filed, to U. S. Serial No. 09/891,767, filed June 26, 2001, now Pat. No. 6,540,779, Applicant claims priority to the application of

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which it is a continuation-in-part, No. 09/072,846, filed May 5, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,251,133, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/049,842, filed Mar. 27, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,090,133, which is continuation of application No. 08/911,606, filed on Aug. 14, 1997, now Pat. No. 5,827,320, which is a continuation of application No. 08/841,702, filed on Apr. 30, 1997, now Pat. No. 5,755,735, which is a continuation of application No. 08/840,612, filed on Apr. 29, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,755,734, which is a division of application No. 08/642,297, filed May 3, 1996, now abandoned.

An Amendment After Allowance to the specification reflecting the priority claim is being filed in conjunction with this petition. In this application as originally filed, a statement claiming this application to be a division of Serial No. 09/575,957 was included in the first paragraph. In the declaration from the parent that was enclosed, priority to the parent of Serial No. 09/575,957, Serial No. 09/072,846 and Serial No. 08/642,297 was claimed. The present amendment amends the first paragraph to list all of these, along with applications in the chain between Serial No. 09/072,846 and Serial No. 08/642,297.

The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) (4 months from filing), and the date of filing of this claim, was unintentional.

**FEE**

The petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) of $1,330.00 is to be paid as follows:

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the Petition Fee of $1,330.00 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

A duplicate of this petition is attached.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4210 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

SIR:

Prior to issuance, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification

**0001.** This is a divisional of application U. S. Serial No. 09/891,767, filed June 26, 2001, now Pat. No. 6,540,779, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/072,846, filed May 5, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,251,133, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/049,842, filed Mar. 27, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,090,133, which is continuation of application No. 08/911,606, filed on Aug. 14, 1997, now Pat. No. 5,827,320, which is a continuation of application No. 08/841,702, filed on Apr. 30, 1997, now Pat. No. 5,755,735, which is a continuation of application No. 08/840,612, filed on Apr. 29, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,755,734, which is a division of application No. 08/642,297, filed May 3, 1996, now abandoned.

## REMARKS

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The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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